Amendment in Atomic Energy Act, 1962

760. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring amendment in the Atomic Energy Act 1962 to provide private participation in Country's nuclear power programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any expert committee has been set up by the Government to examine "Ticklish" issues involved in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The process of reviewing the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and suggesting amendments is currently underway.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

'No Fly Zones' over the nuclear installation locations

761. SHRI K..C. KONDAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to declare no fly zones over the nuclear installation locations;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take action in complete coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Atomic Energy have already approached the Ministry of Civil Aviation to consider the air space above the vital Atomic Energy Establishments declared as 'No Fly Zones' to restrict/prohibit flying of aircrafts over/close to the installations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Response of the Ministry of Civil Aviation is awaited.

Radiation Facility for Foodstuff

762. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food grains and other food commodities subject to radiation in the country;